

REMEMBERING RUSS ROURKE

• Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I note with deep regret the recent passing of a dedicated public official, defense leader, and a fellow Marine, Russell A. Rourke.

From his humble beginnings in the Bronx, Russ Rourke put himself through the University of Maryland and Georgetown Law School. Through hard work and perseverance, he went on to great success here on Capitol Hill, at the White House, the Pentagon, and later in the private sector.

He served as a top legislative aide in the Congress for 20 years, was a Special Assistant to President Ford, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and Secretary of the Air Force under President Ronald Reagan.

Despite these many high honors, Russ made it clear that the highest honor he ever hoped to attain was when he earned the right to wear the eagle, globe and anchor. Throughout his life, nothing else transcended the honor and title of United States Marine. He revered the Marine Corps, its way of life, its traditions and values.

Russ was on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, including service in Korea. He remained in an active capacity with the Marine Corps Reserve, and retired after 32 years of service with the rank of colonel in July 1985.

Throughout his career, Russ was recognized as a proponent for a strong national defense. When he served in the Reagan administration as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, he was once described by the New York Times as Defense Secretary Cap Weinberger's "chief scout and musket loader in defending the military budget against a siege of skeptics in Congress."

As in my life, Russ Rourke's life experience were embodied in the Marine Corps culture and ethos. In all that he did, he conducted himself at all times as foremost a Marine, with honesty and conviction, with a high sense of duty and great pride. His devotion to family, country, and Corps was legendary and an inspiration. His distinguished career demonstrated the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and devotion to public service.

Russ died at the age of 71 on January 19 after a lengthy battle with malignant melanoma. He leaves his lovely wife and partner of 41 years, Judith Muller Rourke, of Annapolis, MD, their three married daughters, and four grandchildren. Russ also leaves a Marine Corps legacy. His nephew, Col. Arthur White, is the current State liaison for the Marine Corps.

I am extremely proud of my fellow Marine, the Honorable Russell A. Rourke. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, many in the House and the Senate, and the men and women in the uniformed services. Our Nation's military might is stronger today because of his sterling leadership and his numerous contributions in service to his country. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 18, 2003, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill.

H.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the enrolled bill was signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST) on February 19, 2003.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 337. An act to extend certain hydroelectric licenses in the State of Alaska.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3. A bill to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

S. 13. A bill to provide financial security to family farm and small business owners by ending the unfair practice of taxing someone at death.

S. 414. A bill to provide an economic stimulus package, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, without amendment:

S. Res. 61. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 427. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to assist States and communities in preparing for and responding to threats to the agriculture of the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 428. A bill to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 429. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate certain 50 caliber sniper weapons in the same manner as machine guns and other firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 430. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance agricultural biosecurity in the United States through increased prevention, preparation, and response planning; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 431. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 432. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 61. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. REID, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 62. A resolution calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 63. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3, a bill to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

S. 56

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 56, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 83

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area, and for other purposes.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States, to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program.

S. 140

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, *supra*.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 160, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the expensing of broadband Internet access expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 227

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 227, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to certified or licensed teachers, to provide for grants that promote teacher certification and licensing, and for other purposes.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 229, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 255

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to exclude child care from the determination of the 5-year limit on assistance under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to provide tax relief and assistance for the families of the heroes of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to support first responders to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 342

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 342, a bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a program to make allocations to States for projects to expand 2-lane highways in rural areas to 4-lane highways.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to require that Federal agencies consult with State agencies and county and local governments on environmental impact statements.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 378, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 3, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to human rights in Central Asia.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, *supra*.

S. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 46, a resolution designating March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day".

S. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 48, a resolution designating April 2003 as "Financial Literacy for Youth Month".

S. RES. 52

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 52, a resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

S. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as

cosponsors of S. Res. 54, a resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional documents, including certain Congressional Research Service publications, certain Senate gift reports, and Senate and Joint Committee documents.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 427. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to assist States and communities in preparing for and responding to threats to the agriculture of the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 430. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance agricultural biosecurity in the United States through increased prevention, preparation, and response planning; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to address the threat of bioterrorist attacks on American agriculture by introducing the Agriculture Security Preparedness Act, ASPA, and the Agriculture Security Assistance Act, ASAA.

Thomas Jefferson described the four pillars of American prosperity as agriculture, manufacturing, commerce and navigation. Two hundred years later, our government is working to protect and defend all critical sectors of our society. But are we doing enough to protect American agriculture from either deliberate or naturally occurring disease outbreaks?

Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson stated in September 2002 that the administration has not paid enough attention to protecting agriculture while Secretary of Agriculture Ann Venneman stated that agricultural biosecurity is her highest priority.

What is at risk when I speak of "agricultural security?" Quite simply, a threat to agriculture is a threat to the Nation. My legislation will assist efforts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, new Department of Homeland Security, DHS, to ensure the first pillar of American prosperity.

Agriculture terrorism can impact the safety of our food supply and public health. A large scale agricultural disaster, much like risks to our information and communication systems, also would undermine American economic security. Agricultural activity accounts for approximately 13 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product and nearly 17 percent of domestic employment. Based on the economic damage caused by the 2001 foot and mouth disease, FMD, epidemic in Great Britain, a single outbreak of FMD could cost the U.S. economy over \$10 billion.

Every State has its own agricultural strengths and economy. My State of Hawaii generates more than \$1.9 billion

in agricultural sales. The agriculture sector employs, either directly or indirectly, 38,000 people in Hawaii. The State's crops range from sugarcane and pineapple to coffee and macadamia nuts. However, Hawaii also has to \$28 million milk industry and nearly \$25 million worth of cattle and hogs. When the additional losses in tourism and travel are considered, we can see the economic impact on Hawaii or any State from an agricultural disease emergency would be devastating.

Pests and diseases are difficult to control when they are introduced accidentally. According to a National Academy of Sciences study on agricultural security, a deliberate infestation demands even more precautions and research and development.

The Agriculture Security Preparedness Act and the Agriculture Security Assistance Act give Federal and State partners responsible for responding to threats against our agriculture the tools they need to operate efficiently and effectively. Moreover, my legislation amends the Homeland Security Act to give agriculture security the attention it deserves as a component of our critical infrastructure.

An agricultural disease outbreak, whether of natural or deliberate origin, will require coordinated efforts by the USDA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and DHS, the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, and the Departments of Health and Human Services, HHS, Defense, Transportation, and Justice. USDA is the lead agency in responding to agricultural emergencies and has created a homeland defense council and increased border inspection and research activities. These are promising steps. I am happy to see that the USDA and FEMA are in the process of drafting a national response plan for emerging agriculture diseases. My legislation will compliment these efforts and encourage coordination and preparedness on the Federal, State, regional, and local level.

The Agriculture Security Preparedness Act will enhance agricultural biosecurity through strengthened interagency and international coordination. The Act will establish senior level liaisons in DHS and HHS to coordinate with USDA on agriculture disease emergency management and response. My legislation also tasks DHS and USDA to work with the Department of Transportation to address one of the largest risk factors in controlling the spread of a plant or animal disease—the movement of animals, plants, and people between and around farms.

Agricultural disease outbreaks will continue to be rare occurrences in the United States. However, high-risk animal and plant diseases are endemic in some part of the world. The Agriculture Security Preparedness Act will help train American veterinarians and emergency responders, and provide much needed help overseas, through bilateral mutual aid agreements. The